

**NOTES ON FOURIER ANALYSIS (XXV):**  
**ON THE  $|C|$ -SUMMABILITY OF THE FOURIER SERIES\***

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**§ 1. Introduction.** On the absolute convergence of the Fourier series, Bernstein<sup>1)</sup> has proved the following two theorems.

(1. 1) *If  $f(x) \in \text{Lip } \alpha (\alpha > 1/2)$ , then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is absolutely convergent.*

(1. 2) *If  $f(x)$  is continuous and the series*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega(1/n)/\sqrt{n}$$

*converges, where  $\omega(\delta)$  is the modulus of continuity of  $f(x)$ , then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is absolutely convergent.*

On the other hand Salem has proved the following theorem, which is the generalization of well known Zygmund's Theorem :

(1. 3) *If  $f(x)$  is of bounded variation and the series*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega(1/n)^{1/2}/n$$

*converges, then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is absolutely convergent.*

As the generalization of theorems (1. 2) and (1. 3), Szász<sup>2)</sup> has proved the following theorem :

(1. 4) *If  $f(x) \in L^p (1 \leq p \leq 2)$  and the series*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_p^{(m)}(1/n)/n^{1/p}$$

*converges, then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is absolutely convergent; where*

$$\omega_p^{(m)}(b) \equiv \sup_{1 \leq m \leq b} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |\Delta_m f(x; t)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p},$$

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1) S. Bernstein, Comp. Rend. de Paris, 199 (1934).

2) O. Szász, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc., 42 (1936).

and  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ .

Our object of this paper is to prove the following two theorems. The former is the analogue of Hyslop's<sup>3)</sup> Theorem, that is,

(1. 5) If  $f(x) \in L^p$  ( $1 < p \leq 2$ ) and the series

$$(1) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_p(1/n)/n^{\delta+1/p'}$$

converges, then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is  $|C, \delta|$ -summable, where

$$\omega_p(b) \equiv \sup_{0 \leq t \leq b} \left( \int_0^{2\pi} |f(x+t) - f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}$$

and  $-1 < \delta < 1/p$ .

(1. 6) If  $f(x) \in L^p$  ( $p > 2$ ) and the series

$$(2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_p(1/n)/n^{\delta+1/2}$$

converges, then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is  $|C, \delta|$ -summable, where  $-1 < \delta < 1/2 - 1/p$ .

§ 2. Proof of (1.5). Let  $f(x) \in L^p$  ( $1 < p \leq 2$ ),  $0 < \delta < 1/p$  and

$$(3) \quad f(x) \sim \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(x).$$

If we denote by  $\sigma_n^\delta(x)$  and  $\tau_n^\delta(x)$  the  $(C, \delta)$ -mean of (3) and the sequence  $\{nA_n(x)\}$ , respectively, then  $\sigma_n^\delta(x) - \sigma_{n-1}^\delta(x) = \tau_n^\delta(x)/n$ .

Consequently for the proof of (1.5) it is sufficient that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\tau_n^\delta(x)|/n$$

converges a.e., or

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\tau_n^\delta(x)| n^{-1} dx < \infty.$$

Since

$$A_n(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \varphi(t) \cos nt dt,$$

$$\tau_n^\delta(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{A_n^\delta} \int_0^{\pi} \varphi(t) \sum_{k=0}^n A_k^{\delta-1}(n-k) \cos(n-k)t dt$$

3) J. M. Hyslop, Proc. Lond. Math. Soc., 41 (1936).

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{n}{A_n^\delta} \int_0^\pi \varphi(t) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k^{\delta-1} \cos(n-k)t dt \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{A_n^\delta} \int_0^\pi \varphi(t) \left\{ \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} n A_k^{\delta-1} \cos(n-k)t + \sum_{k=0}^n k A_k^{\delta-1} \cos(n-k)t \right\} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{n}{A_n^\delta} \int_0^\pi \varphi(t) p(t) \cos nt dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{n}{A_n^\delta} \int_0^\pi \varphi(t) q(t) \sin nt dt \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{A_n^\delta} \int_0^\pi \varphi(t) \left\{ \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} n A_k^{\delta-1} \cos(n-k)t + \sum_{k=0}^n k A_k^{\delta-1} \cos(n-k)t \right\} dt \\
&\equiv \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{n}{A_n^\delta} [P_n(x) + Q_n(x)] - \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{A_n^\delta} R_n(x),
\end{aligned}$$

say, where

$$p(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k^{\delta-1} \cos kt,$$

and

$$q(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k^{\delta-1} \sin kt.$$

$\varphi(t) p(t)$  is an even function of  $t$  and  $\frac{1}{\pi} P_n(x)$  is its  $n$ -th Fourier coefficient. Consequently for any  $b > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |P_n(x) \sin nb|^p \right)^{p/p'} &\leq A \int_0^\pi |\varphi(t+b)p(t+b) - \varphi(t-b)p(t-b)|^p dt \\
&\leq A_p \int_0^\pi |\varphi(t+b) - \varphi(t-b)|^p |p(t+b)|^p dt \\
&\quad + A_p \int_0^\pi |p(t+b) - p(t-b)|^p |\varphi(t-b)|^p dt \\
&\equiv \alpha(x) + \beta(x),
\end{aligned}$$

say. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\pi \alpha(x) dx &\leq A_p \int_0^\pi dx \int_0^\pi |f(x+t+b) - f(x+t-b)|^p |p(t+b)|^p dt \\
&\quad + A_p \int_0^\pi dx \int_0^\pi |f(x-t-b) - f(x-t+b)|^p |p(t+b)|^p dt \\
&\leq A_p \int_0^\pi \omega_p^p(b) |p(t+b)|^p dt \leq A_p \omega_p^p(b) \int_0^\pi (t+b)^{-\delta p} dt \leq A_p \omega_p^p(b), \\
\int_0^\pi \beta(x) dx &\leq A_p \int_0^\pi dx \left( \int_{-h}^h + \int_h^\pi \right) |p(t+2b) - p(t)|^p |\varphi(t)|^p dt \equiv \beta_1 + \beta_2,
\end{aligned}$$

say.

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1 &\leq A_p \int_0^\pi dx \int_{-h}^h \left( |p(t+2h)|^p + |p(t)|^p \right) |\varphi(t)|^p dt \\ &\leq A_p \int_{-h}^h \omega_p^p(h/2) t^{-p\delta} dt \leq A_p \omega_p^p(h),\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\beta_2 \leq A_p \int_0^\pi dx \int_h^\pi h^p t^{-p(1+\delta)} |\varphi(t)|^p dt \leq A_p h^p \int_h^\pi \omega_p^p(t) t^{-p(1+\delta)} dt.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\pi \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty |P_n(x) \sin nh|^p \right)^{p/p^*} dx &\leq \int_0^\pi \alpha(x) dx + \int_0^\pi \beta(x) dx \\ &\leq A_p \omega_p^p(h) + A_p h^p \int_h^\pi \omega_p^p(t) t^{-p(1+\delta)} dt.\end{aligned}$$

Let us put  $h = \pi 2^{-(\lambda+1)}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^\pi \left( \sum_{n=2^{\lambda-1}+1}^{2^\lambda} |P_n(x)|^p \right)^{p/p^*} dx \\ &\leq A_p \omega_p^p(\pi 2^{-(\lambda+1)}) + A_p 2^{-p(\lambda+1)} \int_h^\pi 2^{-(\lambda+1)} \omega_p^p(t) t^{-p(1+\delta)} dt. \\ &\sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\pi |P_n(x)| n^{-\delta} dx = \sum_{\lambda=1}^\infty \left( \sum_{n=2^{\lambda-1}+1}^{2^\lambda} \int_0^\pi |P_n(x)| n^{-\delta} dx \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{\lambda=1}^\infty \int_0^\pi \left( \sum_{n=2^{\lambda-1}+1}^{2^\lambda} |P_n(x)|^p \right)^{1/p^*} \left( \sum_{n=2^{\lambda-1}+1}^{2^\lambda} n^{-\delta p} \right)^{1/p} dx \\ &\leq A_p \sum_{\lambda=1}^\infty \left[ \int_0^\pi \left( \sum_{n=2^{\lambda-1}+1}^{2^\lambda} |P_n(x)|^p \right)^{p/p^*} \right]^{1/p} \cdot 2^{-\lambda(\delta p - 1)/p} dx \\ &= A_p \sum_{\lambda=1}^\infty 2^{-\lambda(\delta - 1/p)} \left\{ A_p \omega_p^p(\pi 2^{-(\lambda+1)}) + A_p 2^{-p(\lambda+1)} \int_h^\pi 2^{-(\lambda+1)} \omega_p^p(t) t^{-p(1+\delta)} dt \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq A_p \sum_{\lambda=1}^\infty \omega_p(\pi 2^{-(\lambda+1)}) 2^{-\lambda(\delta - 1/p)} + A_p \sum_{\lambda=1}^\infty 2^{-\lambda(\delta - 1/p + 1)} \left( \int_h^\pi 2^{-(\lambda+1)} \omega_p^p(t) t^{-p(1+\delta)} dt \right)^{1/p} \\ &\equiv A_p (K + L), \text{ say.}\end{aligned}$$

Since, by the hypothesis,  $n^{-(\delta+1/p)} \omega_p(1/n) \downarrow 0$ , the convergence of  $\sum n^{-(\delta+1/p)} \omega_p(1/n)$  is equivalent to that of  $\sum 2^\lambda 2^{-\lambda(\delta+1/p)} \omega_p(\pi 2^{-\lambda})$ . That is, the series  $K$  converges. On the other hand, by  $n^{-(\delta+1/p)} \omega_p(1/n) = o(1/n)$ ,

$$\int_h^\pi 2^{-(\lambda+1)} t^{-p(1+\delta)} \omega_p^p(t) dt \leq A \sum_{n=1}^{2^{\lambda+1}} n^{p(1+\delta)-2} \omega_p^p(1/n) \leq A \sum_{n=1}^{2^{\lambda+1}} n^{p(1+2\delta)-3} \leq A 2^{\lambda p + 2p\delta - 2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &\leq A \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} 2^{-\lambda(\delta+1/p)} 2^{\lambda(1+\delta-2/p)} \\ &= A \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} 2^{\lambda(1+\delta-2/p-1/p)} \leq A \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} 2^{\lambda(\delta-1/p)} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

From above estimations  $\sum |P_n(x)| n^{-\delta}$  converges a.e., we can also prove that  $\sum |\mathcal{Q}_n(x)| n^{-\delta}$  converges a.e., by the same way.

Now

$$|R_n(x)| n^{-\delta} \leq A_p n^{-\delta} \left| \int_0^{1/n} \right| + A_p n^{-\delta} \left| \int_{1/n}^{\pi} \right| = \gamma_n(x) + \delta_n(x), \text{ say.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi} \gamma_n(x) dx &\leq A_p n^{-\delta} \int_0^{1/n} n^{\delta} t^{-1} dt \int_0^{\pi} |\varphi(t)| dx \\ &\leq A_p \int_0^{1/n} t^{-1} dt \left( \int_0^{\pi} |\varphi(t)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq A_p \int_0^{1/n} t^{-1} \omega_p(t) dt \leq A_p \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \omega_p(1/m) m^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\pi} \gamma_n(x) n^{-1} dx &\leq A_p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \omega_p(1/m) m^{-1} \\ &\leq A_p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1+\delta-1/p} \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \omega_p(1/m) m^{-(\delta+1/p)} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi} \delta_n(x) n^{-1} dx &\leq A_p \int_0^{\pi} n^{-1} dx \int_{1/n}^{\pi} |\varphi(t)| dt \\ &\quad + A_p \int_0^{\pi} n^{-\delta} dx \int_{1/n}^{\pi} |\varphi(t)| t^{-(1+\delta)} dt + A_p \int_0^{\pi} n^{-2} dx \int_{1/n}^{\pi} |\varphi(t)| t^{-2} dt \\ &\leq A_p n^{-2} \int_{1/n}^{\pi} \omega_p(t) dt + A_p n^{-(1+\delta)} \int_{1/n}^{\pi} \omega_p(t) t^{-(1+\delta)} dt \\ &\quad + A_p n^{-2} \int_{1/n}^{\pi} \omega_p(t) t^{-2} dt. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\pi} \delta_n(x) n^{-1} dx &\leq A_p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-2} \int_{1/n}^{\pi} \omega_p(t) dt \\ &\quad + A_p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-(1+\delta)} \int_{1/n}^{\pi} \omega_p(t) t^{-(1+\delta)} dt + A_p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-2} \int_{1/n}^{\pi} \omega_p(t) t^{-2} dt \\ &\leq A_p + A_p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-(1+\delta)} \left( \sum_{m=1}^n \omega_p(1/m) m^{\delta-1} \right) + A_p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-2} \left( \sum_{m=1}^n \omega_p(1/m) \right) \\ &\leq A_p + A_p \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \omega_p(1/m) m^{\delta-1} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} n^{-(1+\delta)} + A_p \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \omega_p(1/m) \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} n^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq A_p + A_p \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \omega_p(1/m) m^{-1} \leq A_p + A_p \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \omega_p(1/m) m^{-(\delta+1,p)} < \infty.$$

Consequently

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\pi} |R_n(x)| n^{-(\delta+1)} dx <$$

and  $\Sigma |R_n(x)| / n^{\delta+1}$  converges a.e.

§ 3. The case  $-1 < \delta \leq 0$ . Let

$$f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_v e^{ivx},$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\delta-1/p} \omega_p(1/n) < \infty \quad (0 \leq \delta < 1).$$

Following the Szász argument, we have successively

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} |c_v|^p &= O((\omega_p(1/n))^p), \\ \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} |c_v| v^{\delta} &\leq \left( \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} v^{\delta p} \right)^{1/p} \left( \sum_{v=n+1}^{\infty} |c_v|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &= O\left(n^{\delta+1/p} \omega_p(1/n)\right) = O\left(\sum_{v=n+1}^{2n} v^{\delta-1+1/p} \omega_p(1/v)\right). \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n| n^{\delta} &= O\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\delta-1/p} \omega_p(1/n)\right) = O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is  $|C, -\delta|$ -summable by a theorem due to Sunouchi<sup>4)</sup>.

§ 4. Proof of (1.6). If we use the Parseval's relation, instead of the Hausdorff-Young inequality in the proof of (1.5), we can quite similarly prove (1.6).

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4) G. Sunouchi, Journ. Math. Soc. Jap., 1; 2 (1949).